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Governor Asks That Flags Fly At Half-Staff On Sunday To Honor Fallen Officer

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard asks that all flags in the state be flown at half-staff on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, from 8 a.m. (CDT) until sunset, in honor of Rapid City Police Officer James Ryan McCandless.

McCandless died Tuesday, Aug. 2 in the line of duty.

“This is truly a tragedy,” the Governor said. “Law officers risk their lives daily on our behalf, and we are most grateful for their devotion to duty. My sympathies go out to Officer McCandless’ family and friends, as well as the other two officers who were wounded in this senseless attack.”

The McCandless funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. MDT on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Rapid City Civic Center, Barnett Arena. Burial will be at Midland City Cemetery in his hometown of Midland, Mich.